

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 remain pending in the present Application. Claims 1-13, 17, 19, 21-33, 37, 39, 41, and 42 currently stand rejected. Claims 14-16, 18, 20, 34-36, 38, and 40 are allowed. Accordingly, claims 1-13, 17, 19, 21-33, 37, 39, 41, and 42 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

In the Final Office Action of November 23, 2005, the Examiner has indicated that claims 14-16, 18, 20, 34-36, 38, and 40 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 1-13, 17, 19, 21-33, 37, 39, 41, and 42 remain rejected. Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited references, and instead, herein cancel all currently rejected claims without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

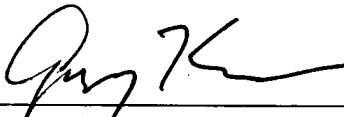
The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims are cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any additional claims in Applications that may claim priority in the present Application.

Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the present Application are respectfully requested. If there are questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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